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1. HUMAN RIGHTS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS --

ARGENTINE PERM REP ORTIZ DE ROZAS SENT USYG BUFFUM A LETTER CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION OF A DOCUMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE FUND, UNDER TITLE OF "SITUATION OF REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA," WHICH DRAWS "THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE GROSS AND SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS..." THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION IS SEEKING CANCELLATION OF THE CONSULTATIVE STATUS OF THE IUEF WHICH CIRCULATED THAT DOCUMENT AT THE 33RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1037)

2. OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

FINAL WEEK OF SUBCOMMITTEE'S SESSION OPENED APRIL 4 WITH BRIEF REVIEW OF DEFINITION AND/OR DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE BY CHAIRMAN WYZNER (POLAND), ONLY SPEAKER ON THE ITEM. DELS THEN AGREED TO A SCHEDULE TO COMPLETE WORK REMAINING ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS. CHAIRMAN REQUESTED INTERESTED DELS TO CONTINUE THEIR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES
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(DBS). LATER, US, FRG, UK AND JAPANESE DELS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE FOR DRAFT PREAMBLE TO DBS PRINCIPLES. UK PROPOSED A TEXT WHICH WAS LATER DISCUSSED WITH USSR, SWEDEN, CANADA, FRANCE, AUSTRIA, MEXICO AND ARGENTINA. SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION TO THE UK FORMULATION BECAME APPARENT, WITH MEXICO AND AUSTRIA PROPOSING AMENDMENTS AND USSR OFFERING NEW PARAGRAPH. INFORMAL MEETING BROKE UP WITHOUT ANY AGREEMENT. UK (GREENWOOD) SUBSEQUENTLY SUGGESTED THAT, SINCE SOME DELS APPEARED LIKELY TO CONTINUE INSISTING ON STRONG LANGUAGE ON SOVEREIGNTY AND NONINTERFERENCE, THE ADVOCATES OF FREE FLOW SHOULD PREPARE AND SUPPORT INCLUSION OF A STRONGER STATEMENT THAN PARAGRAPH 2 OF CANADA/SWEDEN PREAMBLE, AND HE OFFERED SUCH A FORMULATION.

WORKING GROUP III (REMOTE SENSING) AGREED TO TENTATIVE TEXT ON RIGHTS OF SENSED STATES TO HAVE ACCESS TO DATA AS PRINCIPLE XI. MONGOLIAN DEL INITIATED LONG AND ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE BY RESURRECTING TEXT ON SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES OVER INFORMATION ON THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES. SOVDEL'S INSISTENCE THAT THIS BE

INTRODUCED AS A PRINCIPLE WAS COUNTERED BY UK, US AND JAPANESE INSISTENCE THAT THERE WAS NO COMMON ELEMENT WHICH COULD JUSTIFY EVEN A TOTALLY BRACKETED VERSION OF THAT TEXT BEING SET FORTH AS A PRINCIPLE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1035)

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3. SECURITY COUNCIL -- BENIN'S COMPLAINT

THE SC APRIL 6, AT ITS 2000TH MEETING, RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF THE COMPLAINT OF BENIN, TAKING UP THE REPORT OF THE SC FACT-FINDING MISSION TO BENIN. THE MISSION'S CHAIRMAN, ILLUECA (PANAMA), INTRODUCED THE REPORT, WHICH STATED THAT ON THE BASIS OF TESTIMONY RECEIVED AND EVIDENCE EXAMINED THE MISSION CONCLUDED BENIN HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO AN ARMED ATTACK JAN. 16; THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE INVADING FORCE HAD BEEN TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVERTHROW THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF BENIN; AND INASMUCH AS THE INVADING FORCE HAD COME FROM OUTSIDE BENIN, "THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE STATE OF BENIN WAS SUBJECTED TO AGGRESSION." THE REPORT ALSO STATED IT WAS CLEAR THAT A MAJORITY OF THE ATTACKING FORCE, NOT NATIONALS OF BENIN, WERE MERCENARIES. AMB BOYA (BENIN) TOLD THE COUNCIL BENIN WAS GOING TO ASK FOR COMPENSATION (ABOUT US\$25 MILLION), AND DID NOT CONDEMN ANY COUNTRIES BY NAME EXCEPT FRANCE. DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING BENIN CIRCULATED FRENCH LANGUAGE VERSION OF "REPORT OF DAMAGES" IN WHICH SEVERAL COUNTRIES WERE REFERRED TO BY NAME. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF MAURITIUS, NIGER, GABON, GUINEA AND SAUDI ARABIA. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 A.M., APRIL 7.

IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE MARCH SC PRESIDENT (AMB YOUNG), RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) STATED AMB YOUNG IN HIS BRIEF TIME AT THE UN HAD WON THEIR CONFIDENCE, AND HE GAVE ASSURANCES OF THE FULL COOPERATION OF HIS DELEGATION. AMONG OTHERS, N'DONG (GABON) REFERRED TO THE "MASTERLY WAY" IN WHICH AMB YOUNG CONDUCTED THE MARCH PROCEEDINGS, AND POISSON (NIGER) DESCRIBED AMB YOUNG'S PRESENCE AS A SIGN OF A NEW SPIRIT IN THE USA.

SPECIAL MISSION CHAIRMAN ILLUECA (PANAMA), INTRODUCING THE REPORT, SAID THAT THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION FULLY AGREED WITH THE REPORT, AND THAT ITS CONCLUSIONS WERE FULLY BACKED BY THE EVIDENCE. REGARDING THE ORIGINATORS OF THE ATTACK AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT, HE SAID THE TESTIMONY OF THE PRISONER TAKEN IN THE ATTACK, AND THE DOCUMENTS CAPTURED, WERE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE.

BENIN -- AMB BOYA CHARGED THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
ATTACK ON BENIN LAY WITH NEO-COLONIALIST CIRCLES IN FRANCE,
AND IT HAD BEEN LAUNCHED ON BENIN IN CONNECTION WITH SECRET
SERVICES. HE MADE POINTS THAT MOST MERCENARIES WERE WHITE AND
SPOKE FRENCH, THE CHIEF OF STAFF WAS A FRENCH OFFICER AND HAD
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DEPARTED FROM FRANCE, AND THAT AIR FRANCE TICKETS HAD BEEN
USED. HE STRESSED THE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
PEOPLE OF FRANCE AND BENIN, AND ASKED THE FRENCH DELEGATION
FOR SINCERE AND HONEST COOPERATION IN BRINGING "THE PEOPLE
WHO COMMITTED THOSE CRIMES" TO JUSTICE. HE ALSO URGED ALL TO
JOIN TOGETHER AGAINST THE HIRING OF MERCENARIES. BOYA CALLED
FOR: VIGOROUS CONDEMNATION OF THE ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST
BENIN AND OF ALL "AFRICAN ACCOMPLICES," AS WELL AS HIGHLIGHTING
OF ROLE PLAYED BY "FINANCIAL POWERS"; CONDEMNATION OF
INTERNATIONAL MERCENARIES; ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING PERPETRATORS
TO JUSTICE; AND COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES. AS A RESULT OF THE
AGGRESSION, BENIN HAD TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO DEFENSE
AND SECURITY; THE POPULATION HAD BEEN MOBILIZED AND WAS ON THE
ALERT; CLOSURE OF WESTERN FRONTIERS FOR SECURITY REASONS
HAD RESULTED IN ECONOMIC DAMAGE. BOYA GAVE THE ECONOMIC
CONSEQUENCES TO BENIN AS SIX BILLION CFA FRANCS (APPROXIMATELY
US\$25 MILLION), AND HE ASKED FOR COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES
AND ASSISTANCE FOR BENIN
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MAURITIUS -- AMB RAMPHUL SAID IT WAS "OBVIOUS TO ALL THAT AN UNPROVOKED ARMED AGGRESSION BY INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALIST MERCENARIES" AGAINST BENIN HAD TAKEN PLACE, AND HE SUPPORTED BENIN'S APPEAL FOR COMPENSATION. THE COUNCIL, HE CONTINUED, SHOULD "STRONGLY CONDEMN THE ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL MERCENARIES" AND ALSO "ACTS OF AGGRESSION TO DESTABILIZE STATES." HE CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MERCENARISM, AND AID THAT PROVISIONS IN RESOLUTIONS OF THE GA AND SC CONTAINED ELEMENTS OF EMERGING INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES ON THIS SUBJECT, SOME OF WHICH HE LISTED. DURING HIS DISCUSSION OF MERCENARIES, HE QUOTED FROM AN APRIL 5 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR ARTICLE TO THE EFFECT THAT A MERCENARY RECRUITING EFFORT WAS UNDERWAY IN THE US AND UK FOR MEN TO JOIN THE FORCES OF ZAIRE.

NIGER -- POISSON, CURRENT AFRICAN GROUP CHAIRMAN, CHARGED THAT IMPERIALISM WAS DEVELOPING THE TECHNIQUE OF USING MERCENARIES IN ITS NEO-COLONIALIST INTRIGUES. THE RAID ON ENTEBEE, ATTEMPTS TO DESTABILIZE ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, AND THE OCCUPATION OF PARTS OF ZAIRE WERE EXAMPLES OF THIS TACTIC. HE SAID THAT THE SC SHOULD NOT ONLY CONDEMN THE ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST BENIN, BUT ALSO PROVIDE FOR JUST AND EQUITABLE COMPENSATION FOR THAT COUNTRY. AN END MUST BE PUT TO THE USE OF MERCENARIES, HE DECLARED.

GABON -- N'DONG PROTESTED "WITH THE UTMOST VIGOR" THE UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GABON IN THE SC MISSION'S REPORT, AND QUOTED PRESIDENT BONGO AS REFUTING THE CHARGES AS "IMAGINATIVE ALLEGATIONS." HE SAID BENIN AND GABON HAVE ALWAYS HAD FRATERNAL AND SPECIAL RELATIONS. GABON FELT THOSE WHO STATED THOSE ALLEGATIONS HAD BEEN MISLED BY THE ENEMIES OF AFRICA IN GENERAL AND GABON IN PARTICULAR. FURTHER, IT WAS

PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY ONLY ONE PRISONER
WAS PRESENTED TO THE SC MISSION WHEN THE BENINESE
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REPRESENTATIVE STATED IN THE PREVIOUS SC MEETING IN EARLY
FEBRUARY THAT THE "PIRATE AIRCRAFT" HAD TAKEN OFF LEAVING A
CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF "HEAVILY DRUGGED" AND EXCITED MERCENARIES
ON THE GROUND. N'DONG ASKED WHAT HAD BECOME OF THOSE
MERCENARIES, AND SAID GABON FOUND THE CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING THE PRESENTATION OF ONLY ONE PRISONER, WHO
WAS GABONESE, DOUBTFUL. GABON ALSO FOUND IT STRANGE THAT
PEOPLE WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HIGHLY TRAINED COMMANDOS
CARRIED WITH THEM SUCH HIGHLY INCRIMINATORY DOCUMENTS, AND
COULD ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THE WHOLE ACTION WAS A CLUMSILY
STAGED SCENARIO PUT TOGETHER IN VERY BAD TASTE IN ORDER TO
SOW DISCORD AMONG AFRICAN STATES. N'DONG DID NOT CALL INTO
QUESTION THE OBJECTIVITY OF THE SC MISSION, ONLY THE
CREDIBILITY OF THE STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS, AND SAID THAT THE
SC SHOULD ANALYZE THE SITUATION CAREFULLY BEFORE ALLOWING
MEMBER STATES TO BE "IMPUGNED" PUBLICLY ON EVIDENCE OF A
SINGLE PRISONER. HE ASKED WHO COULD PROVE THAT THE PRISONER
HAD NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO PRESSURE DURING HIS DETENTION.
FINALLY, HE REPEATED THE INVITATION THAT PRESIDENT
BONGO EXTENDED TO THE SC MISSION TO GO TO GABON TOGETHER WITH
THE ALLEGED MERCENARY PRISONER FOR A MORE DETAILED INQUIRY.

GUINEA -- CAMARA, WHO SAID MERCENARIES HAD TRIED TO CREATE
CIVIL WAR IN HIS OWN COUNTRY, NOTED GUINEA HAD DENOUNCED
CERTAIN AFRICAN STATES FOR ALLOWING MERCENARIES TO USE THEIR
TERRITORY. HE CHARGED THAT MERCENARIES WERE BEING TRAINED
IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BORDERING GUINEA. THE SC, HE SAID,
SHOULD ENSURE COMPENSATION TO BENIN AND CONDEMN THE AGGRESSION
AGAINST IT, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SUPPORTED
THAT AGGRESSION. HE ALSO CALLED FOR ENACTMENT AT THE NEXT
GA OF A CONVENTION PROHIBITING THE USE OF MERCENARIES AND THE
USE OF FORCE TO DESTABILIZE STATES.

SAUDI ARABIA -- AMB BAROODY CAUTIONED BENIN AGAINST MAKING
SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HEADS OF STATE OF OTHER COUNTRIES
WITHOUT ADEQUATE EVIDENCE, PARTICULARLY CITING WITH GREAT
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EMOTION THE CHARGES AGAINST KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO, ON PAGE
10 OF THE "REPORT OF DAMAGES" CIRCULATED TO SC MEMBERS
DURING THE COURSE OF THE DEBATE.

IN RIGHT OF REPLY, BENINESE AMB SAID THAT GABON HAD
"GRAVELY ATTACKED THE HONOR OF THE BENINOIS," AND HE WOULD

RETURN TO SPEAK OF THAT LATER. REGARDING BAROODY'S
COMMENTS, HE SAID BENIN WOULD NEVER LIGHTLY THROW
ACCUSATIONS AT ANY COUNTRY. RAMPHUL SAID HE HAD IN FACT USED
THE TERM "IMPERIALIST MERCENARIES" BUT HAD IN MIND
"COLONIALIST OR REACTIONARY POWERS," NOT "KINGS OR QUEENS"
OF ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRY, AND HE SUGGESTED THAT HIS REFERENCE
BE DELETED FROM THE RECORDS. (REPEATED INFO CONAKRY,
COTONOU, JIDDA, LIBREVILLE, PANAMA, PORT LOUIS, RABAT)

4. COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA STANDING COMMITTEE III --

THE COMMITTEE AGREED APRIL 6 TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL FOR
NAMIBIA THAT A SPECIAL MISSION BE SENT TO THE HEADQUARTERS
OF CERTAIN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO
DISCUSS THEIR ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST NAMIBIA. INITIAL VISITS
WOULD BE TO HEADQUARTERS OF WHO, ILO, UNCTAD, UNESCO, FAO,
IAEA, UNIDO, GATT,ITU AND UNHCR. UN COMMISSIONER FOR
NAMIBIA, AHTISAARI, ALSO PROPOSED VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS OF
UNCTAD/GATT INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER, AND THE COMMITTEE
SO DECIDED. THE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL
AT ITS APRIL 8 MEEING, AND THE DEPARTURE DATE FOR THE MISSION
IS APRIL 15. THE COMMITTEE PROPOSED THAT THE MISSION,
FOLLOWING ITS RETURN, ALSO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD BANK AND IMF. STATEMENTS
WERE MADE DURING THE MEETING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR
NAMIBIA AND REPRESENTATIVES OF UNICEF, ILO, FAO,UNESCO,
UNHCR, WHO, IAEA AND SWAPO.

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5. COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES --

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS GENERAL DEBATE APRIL 5 ON THE QUESTION OF TOKELAU, AFTER HEARING VIEWS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND A CLOSING STATEMENT BY NEW ZEALAND. RAPPOREUR FORRESTER (AUSTRALIA) INTRODUCED A DRAFT REPORT ON BERMUDA IN WHICH THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WOULD REAFFIRM THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF BERMUDA TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. HE ALSO INTRODUCED A DRAFT REPORT ON PITCAIRN, IN WHICH THE COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE UK POLICY TO PRESERVE THE ISLAND COMMUNITY LIFE AS LONG AS THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY WISHED AND WOULD WELCOME THE EFFORTS MADE TO IMPROVE THE TERRITORY'S COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES.

SEALY (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) SUGGESTED THAT TABULATING THE MANY CONCERNS OF THE TOKELAUANS UNDER APPROPRIATE HEADINGS, SUCH AS EDUCATION AND TRAINING, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., WOULD FACILITATE THE DRAWING UP OF AN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES, AND ASSIST IN ATTRACTING FURTHER UNDP ASSISTANCE.

ADAMS (NEW ZEALAND), REPLYING TO POINTS RAISED IN THE DEBATE, REFERRED TO THE DIFFICULTY OF ACHIEVING A GREATER DEGREE OF

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN TOKELAU, AND AGREED THAT ONE OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES MIGHT PLAY A ROLE IN INVESTIGATING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES. HE SAID EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE TO TABULATE THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE, BUT NO OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN HAD BEEN DRAWN UP; HOWEVER, HIS DELEGATION WOULD CONSIDER DOING SO. AMONG THER THINGS, ADAMS RECALLED THAT ONLY LAST JUNE THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS OF THE THREE ATOLLS HAD DECIDED TO REMAIN A NEW ZEALAND DEPENDENCY. CONCLUDING, HE SAID THAT NEW ZELAND WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE WITH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMATION ENABLING THEM TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE ABOUT THEIR FUTURE. (REPEATED INFO WELLINGTON)

6. US CONTRIUTION TO UNDP --

ON APRIL 5, USUN INFORMED UNDP THAT A DEPOSIT OF \$700,000 IN US-OWNED INDIAN RUPEES HAD BEEN MADE INTO UNDP ACCOUNT, REPRESENTING PARTIAL US 1977 CONTRIBUTION.

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